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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner:
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Serial No.:) Art Unit:
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FLOW CONTROL VALVE)
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Attorney Docket No.:)
UDL 2 0018)
Cleveland, OH 44114
December 17, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, and prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 11 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claims 4, 6 and 8-10 as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL in an envelope numbered **EL 852686802 US** addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 17, 2001.

By: Stevan M. Haas 12/17/2001
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